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## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. (Currently amended) A protective device against the irritation of the web space between the big toe and adjacent toe or other toes adjacent to one another, due to the wearing of thong-type sandals or other footwear, said device is a flat, and flexible sheet having a thickness of from about 0.015 to about 0.20 mm in shape and comprised of, in combination;
- (a) a first portion which is a plantar base zone that extends medially and laterally and has a distal base portion extending towards the acral or tip portion of the toes, said <u>first</u> portion conforming to the base of the metatarsal phalageal joint, to stabilize and prevent dorsal migration of said device;
- (b) a second zone which is a dorsal flap extending over the dorsal area of the foot; and

  a web space zone between and of a lesser width than said planter base zone and dorsal

  flap and between said plantar base zone and dorsal flap;
  - (c) a web spacer zone <u>between and</u> of lesser width than said plantar base zone and the dorsal flap zone, and which web spacer zone can fold along a vertical axis so that each side of the web spacer touches adjacent toes.
  - said sheet comprised of an inert plastic material having frictional coefficient properties which enhances its adhering to the foot skin of a human without the need for adhesives.
- 2. (Cancelled)
- .3. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1 wherein the plastic material is a surgical or nonsurgical viscoelastic material.